

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Mr. Lowell Anderson Rural Route 1, Box 9 Fairview, Utah 84629

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I was pleased to learn you have accepted the River Commissioner position for the Lower San Pitch River Distribution System for this year. Stan Adams has informed me we will be meeting March 28th to go over the duties and responsibilities of a river commissioner.

March 13, 1989

The San Pitch River is a little different than most river systems in state because there are two distribution systems on it and two independent river commissioners. For a number of years, the Lower San Pitch water users have requested the two systems be consolidated and placed under one commissioner. The water users on the upper portion of the River have resisted the consolidation and so the systems remain separate for now.

Earlier this year, we sent a letter to the directors of both distribution systems outlining the duties to be performed by each commissioner if the two systems remained independent. One of our concerns is the need for the two commissioners to coordinate and communicate more closely concerning the distribution of water on the river. Enclosed is a copy of that letter for your review prior to our March 28th meeting.

In the letter, we also recommended a possible budget for the completion of the work on the river. For this year the committees of the two systems have not chosen to adopt this budget. The budget established by the Lower San Pitch Committee is enclosed for your information.

As a River Commissioner you are, to some extent, an employee of the State of Utah and are paid through the State Payroll System. You are eligible for some state benefits such as term life insurance, retirement, workmens compensation, and disability insurance. In order to place you on the State Payroll, we need you to fill out the W4 Form enclosed and we need a copy of your social security card so the State Finance Department can verify your social security number. Enclosed is some information on the Group Term Life Insurance that is available through the State and a form on the State Retirement System. Please fill these forms out and return them as soon as you can.

Section 73-5-2 of the Utah Code requires Water Commissioners to be bonded. Our office will apply for a bond for you so you should receive some forms in the mail in a few weeks. Please sign them and return them to the bonding company.

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We can spend some time at the end of March going over these items. If you have any questions before, please feel free to call me at 538-7380.

We feel that you can make a great contribution to the orderly operation and distribution of water on the river and look forward to working with you this year.

Sincerely,

Tee H. Sim, P. E. Directing Engineer

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cc: Stan Adams, P. E.
Richfield Area Office Engineer

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